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A CHRISTMAS EVE FIRE.

Mexico High School Building Burned. Near by Residences Barely Saved.

Monday night about 7:30 a cry of fire startled the residents of Mexico, and seriously interrupted their Christmas eve plans. Some boys discovered flames issuing from the basement of the High School building in Ridgeway, and before anything could be done to check the fire, the building was enveloped from top to bottom, and the energy of the firemen was directed to protecting the nearby houses. Mr. N. L. Keene's house opposite the school building was in great danger, and but for the timely arrival of the chemical engine and Hook and Ladder Co. from the Falls, would have burned. It was badly scorched. Mr. William H. Davis' residence was also endangered. The Mexico people appreciate very much the aid sent from the Falls.

The Central school house was located on Granite street, and besides the High School, had seven intermediate grades, making in all nine school rooms in the building. It was built in 1893, and greatly enlarged in 1900, and this last summer over \$500 were expended in improvements. The building is a total loss, not a timber standing. It was valued at \$15,000, and insured for about \$8,500. The origin of the fire is not known. The janitor's last visit to the house was about noon. He then banked the fire for the day, there being no school in session. The school books, and several libraries in the building together with much private property of the teachers, were burned. The school records were also lost.

The school authorities are making arrangements for school to resume its session after the holidays, and if books can be had in time, no interruption in the studies will occur. The churches and the theatre will be used for school purposes.

CITIZEN VOTING CONTEST CLOSED.

Three Happy Recipients of Three Elegant Rings.

At least three people in Oxford county enjoyed a Merry Christmas because of the Rumford CITIZEN. The voting contest advertised in our columns for the past three months, closed last Saturday night, the last two days being lively ones for the contestants in Class C.

This contest has had some peculiar features, one being the fact, previously referred to in the CITIZEN, that one contestant distanced the field in her class in short order and had to run alone, she proved herself equal to the task, however, and won out; as a result of her earnest and appreciable efforts she was given her ring nearly a week before the advertised time of closing. The CITIZEN is most happy when enabled to show by tangible means its appreciation of worthy efforts which explains why Mrs. Jennie Blandford received her ring before she expected it. She got as a nice list of subscribers and well deserves the elegant Christmas present which she received.

In Class C Miss Olive Keene of Dixfield and the lead from the first, and the chances of her getting the ring seemed good, but the last two or three days brought a little multitude of subscribers from Andover for Mrs. E. S. Milton and won the ring for her by a narrow margin. The result was as follows:

Mrs. E. S. Milton, Andover, 4901
Miss Olive E. Keene, Dixfield, 4439
Mrs. Nellie V. Leslie, Andover, 572

Mrs. Milton is the wife of Mr. E. S. Milton, who is connected with the Mexico House, and while she has lived in Andover for three years only, she has won the respect and loyal support of the people, and as the contest neared the end there was a renewed effort made by the people in her behalf, and on the last two days votes for her deluged the CITIZEN office. Mrs. Milton is a bright, earnest and energetic woman and deserves her good fortune.

Miss Keene Rewarded.

No second prize was offered in any of the classes, but the earnest, honest effort of Miss Olive E. Keene of Dixfield, together with the appreciative bump of the proprietor of the CITIZEN and fifteen minutes after she was informed by the Rumford Falls office that she had failed to win the prize, said proprietor had purchased the best opal ring with diamond chips that could be secured in town and called her to the place and told her that she would receive such a ring as a second prize and that the same would be forwarded at once.

Such a surprise coming but a few minutes behind the news of her failure to win the diamond, cut short her dis-

CITIZEN SIGHT SEER.

The Sight Seer Goes into a New Store. Spends 10 cents. Also visits a Lunch Room.

The sight seer had his attention called to the store in McMenamin's block, that has until recently been unoccupied. A great change has taken place there. The great show window—three windows in one—were filled with a strikingly pretty lot of goods, and many persons were admiring the display and the sight seer did the same. He also followed the lead of some of the other sight seers, and went into the store, and was pleased to be greeted by the proprietor, the owner of the building—George B. McMenamin.

Mr. McMenamin is one of the best known men in Rumford, and popular with the people. The store has a great variety of goods, all new, and however strange it may seem, no article sells for more than ten cents, and none less than five. The secret of the whole affair is that Mr. McMenamin has established a regular 5 and 10 cent store, and proposes to keep the money at home that has been going to the Lewiston and Portland stores of that kind.

The sight seer, like others who went in, saw something he needed and parted with a dime, and that is the way it will happen to you, dear reader, if you go in but fear not to enter for you will get your money's worth. As Mr. McMenamin has other business, Mrs. McMenamin will be in attendance at the store. She is a woman of good business ability, and knows what is required in such a store, and will not only see that the stock is kept up to the standard, but will see that customers are all given proper attention.

Some persons declare that coffee is an injurious stimulant, but the sight seer is addicted to the habit, and the only thing injurious that he finds about coffee is a lack of good flavor that so often characterizes the concoctions served as coffee. The only harmful stimulant he knows of in coffee is the stimulant to swear that is given the victim after drinking the vile compounds above referred to.

Having heard much said about the good coffee served in the Ariel Lunch Room on Exchange street, the sight seer went there to test the truth of the claims. He paid his nickel, and was served a cup of coffee that made him think of the days of old when he stood up at the counter in Thompson's Spa, and imbibed the delicious coffee served in that famous Boston cafe.

Those who have been there know—those who have not may understand that the Ariel Cafe serves a rich, full flavored and delicious invigorating cup of coffee. They also serve lunches and regular meals.

FRANCHISE GRANTED.

Selectmen Executed The Papers Thursday Afternoon.

The CITIZEN went to press last week immediately after the great Electric Railway hearing adjourned, hence could not give the result of the hearing.

The selectmen as reported, took the matter under advisement and the following afternoon signed the papers accepting, in behalf of the town, the route as specified in the plans of the railway people. Thus the promoters of the road, backed by the people, won a signal victory against the strong opposing forces which were pitted against them.

A LOCAL SANTA CLAUS STORY.

Of the many pretty stories told of children and their ideas of Santa Claus, none are better than this. A little three year old girl, whose home is in Virginia, was on Congress street a few days before Christmas in one of the stores she saw a house built in a large show window, with a life size Santa in the apparent act of going down the chimney. To her mind it was all real. During her absence from home, her father had prepared a Christmas tree, and set it up in the parlor. Upon arrival home the little girl was shown the bedecked tree. She looked at it in infantile wonder and amazement and then burst out with this explanation: "I dress Santa Claus when he comes down at night, just slipped up here and fixed the tree so I could see him do it."

MURDER WILL OUT.

Or a Case of I Told You So.

It was said by many of the merchants at Rumford Falls and nearby towns, that the widely advertised merchants' week in Lewiston was chiefly for the purpose of unloading upon the country people a lot of shop-worn and out of date goods. Confirmation of that suspicion comes from an unexpected source, and we gladly reprint the evidence which was first printed on page ten of the Lewiston Evening Journal, Dec. 14th, 1906. A careful study of this paragraph will reveal the truth. The moral is too obvious to need explanation. We venture the hope that the lesson will be remembered and made useful next "merchants' week."

"It must be admitted that while the merchants may have cut their prices and offered varied attractions for merchants' week, the most of them are just beginning to get out their window displays. Stores that up to now have worn their everyday aspect are putting in crepe paper, colored lights and all sorts of star attractions. Of course it doesn't pay to decorate too long before Christmas, but it might have been well to have given the merchants' week patrons a little more display."—Lewiston Journal.

FAMILY IN DISTRESS.

Monday morning persistent rumors were about regarding a supposed shooting affair at 23 Eccles street. The various reports were followed up and were all lacking confirmation. The CITIZEN reporter called at the number indicated and found Mrs. Margaret Hann, the tenant, and woman involved in the report. She denied having been assaulted in any way, but said that her sons, (20 and 23 years of age) had been out of work for a long while, and that she had gotten out of funds, and was faint from lack of food and she sold, and in the night had a fatal spell and a doctor was called. She

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CORRECTION.

The CITIZEN regrets having made an error in reporting the insurance cases last week. E. M. Heath got the decision against George Chapman, and not against Nathan Susbury. Susbury won his case.

For chapped and cracked hands nothing is quite as good as an application of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Put it on before going to bed, use an old pair of gloves and see what a difference the morning will bring. Sold by Bowers & Vallee.

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THE HOME CIRCLE.

Pleasant Evening Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

We think that with most of us our personal surroundings wield a great influence in making us happy or otherwise. We should therefore strive to make them always as pleasant as possible. So far as our means permit we should seek to adorn our homes with all that is bright and pleasant. We are all familiar with the boarding house advertisements which promise "all the comforts of home" for a few dollars per week and though such advertisements are always sadly delusive yet they are the strongest possible tribute to the fact that civilized man's highest ideal of happiness is in the life of the home.

The secret of success in life is to keep busy, to be persevering, patient and untiring in the pursuit of calling you are following. The busy ones may now and then make mistakes, but it is better to risk these than to be idle and inactive. Keep doing, whether it be work or recreation. Motion is life and the busiest are the happiest. Cheerful, active labor is a blessing. An old philosopher says:—the freely only shines on the wing. So it is with the mind; when once we rest we darken.

Ask yourself hard questions about yourself. Ascertain from original sources if you are really the manner of man you say you are; if you are always honest; if you always tell the square perfect truth in business details; if your life is as good and upright as it is at night as it is at noon; if you are as good a temperance man on fishing excursions as you are at a Sunday School picnic; if you are as good when you go out to the city as when you are at home; if, in short, you are the sort of a man your father hopes you are and your sweetheart believes you to be.

Real Homes. There are husbands and wives, whose love is so deep that each cares only to have what will do best for the other and for their children. These men and women belong to no particular class, they are to be found among the highly educated and luxurious class in the great middle classes and among the laboring people. Such folks are honest in their affections, honest with each other and honest with the world. Their homes are not places for show, but what the name implies—place of rest, happiness and inspiration of good work. These homes may consist of only two or three rooms or may be palaces, yet the influence is always good. It is always such homes that make the world sweeter and better, and experience shows us that they are common in our country.

The chief cause of unhappiness in life is discontent. It is a peculiar foible in human nature seldom or never to be satisfied with our own lot and to be always envying that of some one else, entirely losing sight of the fact that no one can escape trouble, no matter what line of life he may adopt, and that no matter how bad his lot may seem he can always find many whose situations are infinitely worse. The farmer whose sheep are killed by dogs, whose peach and apple blossoms are frost bitten, and whose children have the ague envies the minister who, he thinks, has nothing to do but write one or two sermons a week and enjoy himself the rest of the time, when the good man of the ministerial cloth, with his flour barrel and his woodshed empty and his salary far in arrears, wishes his parents had made him a farmer.

The Man Who Laughs. The man whose "ha! ha!" reaches from one end of the street to the other may be the same fellow who solded his wife and squandered his baby before he got his breakfast, but his laughter is only the crackle of thorns under the foot. The man who spreads his laughter through his life—before his breakfast, when he misses the train, when his wife goes visiting, and he has to eat a cold supper; the man who can laugh when he finds a button off his shirt, when the furnace fire goes out in the night and both of the twins come down with the measles at the same time—let's the man that's needed.

He never tells his neighbor to have faith. Somehow he puts faith into him. He delivers no homilies; the sight of his beaming face, the sound of his happy voice, and the sight of his blessed daily life, carry conviction that words have no power to give. The busy life before him as the fog before the west wind. He comes into his own home like a flood of sunshine over a meadow of blooming buttercups, and his wife and children blossom in his presence like June roses. His home is a riotous with sympathy and love. The neighborhood is better for his life, and somebody will learn of him that laughter is better than tears.

The world needs this man. Why are there so few like him? Can he be created? Can he be evolved? Why is he not in every house, turning rain into shine and winter into summer all the year round until life is a perpetual season?

Husband and Wife. O the union of husband and wife, which is the most intimate and confidential relationship on earth, there must be something more than superficial admiration, the one for the other. These two have pledged to one another a life-long consecration. Their interest are to be in common. Nothing can afford one without equally affecting the other. For weal or woe, they have joined hands, and to the whole outside world they present a united front.

And yet if testimony should be taken, it would be found that many married people have not been perfectly happy during the years of wedlock. There has been friction. There has been disappointment. The little rift has been suffered to open the way for estrangement.

"We decided," said a man whose long life has been singularly tranquil and satisfactory—we decided, my wife and I, when we were married, that we should never let the sun go down on any lack of peace between us. We would ask one another's pardon if necessary, but we would never quarrel. One or the other should always give up a point on which both could not agree, and whatever else came to us, we resolved to have no discord.

Lead a helping hand. If a man is unfortunate, try to lift him up. The people who knew this or that was going to happen, the "I told you so" people, are a detriment to the community. If they would always say a good word instead of a discouraging one, how much better things would be. Study and know the interest of your home. Buy of home merchants. Stay at home nights. Attend some church, look forward to good times and all will feel better, be happier and enjoy life better.

EAST BETHEL. Mr. O. B. Darwell with his team is working for Mr. Orlando Buck. Mr. Elmer Trask and Carl Swan have gone to Bemis to work for the winter.

Miss Jennie Swan and Miss Rosy Greenwood have gone to South Paris where they have work. Mr. A. H. Bartlett and J. Cleve Bartlett of South Framingham, Mass., are at their home here for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Sanborn and little daughter of South Paris are spending a few weeks with relatives here.

Miss Ella Bean is having a short vacation at her home here, and goes to Norway January 1st.

NEWRY. Mrs. W. F. Small is spending the holidays in Portland.

The school closed here last Friday night. Miss Mattie Littlehale, the teacher, has shown herself willing to do her part towards making it a successful year of school.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tuell of North Paris visited their daughter, Mrs. A. B. Frost last Thursday returning home Friday.

Mrs. C. H. L. Powers has gone to Worcester, Mass., for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. D. S. Hathorne.

L. W. Ramsell, wife and daughter are at Waterford this week.

NORWAY. John Stearns of Lewiston spent Christmas with his cousin, Donald Bartlett.

Mrs. Lena Sweet and Geneva Winslow gave a portrait party at the latter's home on Tucker street, Friday evening.

Agnes Sanborn, who is teaching school in Newton Center, Mass., spent the holidays at her father's D. S. Sanborn's.

Oscar J. Tabbs, who is attending Colby college, came home last week to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Tabbs.

In accordance with Order No. 1388 from Acting Postmaster General F. H. Hitchcock, a new schedule for box rents will go into effect from after January 1st, 1907, at all post-offices. This will cause a slight increase in the price of lock boxes at the Norway office.

It is a mistake to use a violent cathartic to open the bowels. A gentle movement will accomplish the same results without causing distress or serious consequences later. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are recommended. Sold by Bowmans & Vallee.

BETHEL.

Sunday's snow storm was a record breaker.

Mrs. Bates and daughter, Hazel went to Lewiston Thursday.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. J. U. Purington Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ira Jordan and grandson, Elmon were in Portland one day last week. Mr. Arthur Watson of Randolph, N.H., visited friends in town last week.

Miss Martha B. Dingley of Portland is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Bowler.

The friends of Mr. Charles Valentine are pleased to hear he is gaining, even slowly.

Miss Rita Twitchell is with her aunt, Mrs. Walton Wright, during her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mason spent Christmas with Mrs. Mason's sister in Glenosdale, Mass.

Mr. William McAllister of the News office went to his home in Bath Saturday returning Tuesday.

Mr. Wendall Philbrook of Greene, spent Christmas with his grandmother, Mrs. Emily Philbrook.

Miss A. Maude Jacobs of the News office is spending a week's vacation at her home in Winthrop.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Byrd were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Furush of Gorham, N. H., Friday.

J. H. Carter spent the holidays at home.

Miss Ruth King is at home from Boston.

E. C. Staples spent Christmas at his home in Oxford.

Mrs. A. F. Heiber spent Christmas at her home in South Portland.

W. B. Abbot has moved into E. M. Walker's lower rent.

Frank H. Hantress of South Portland was in town last week to do some plumbing at the residence of Dr. Tuell.

Mr. L. B. Hopkins came from Boston Saturday to spend Christmas with his wife.

Mr. D. L. Blake of Bryant's Pond was in the village last week and made a pleasant call at the News office.

Mr. William Richardson of Gorham, N. H., was the guest of his father, Mr. Albert Richardson, Tuesday.

Chester Bean of the University of Maine is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bean.

Miss Amelia Grover has been quite sick with erysipelas during the past week and was cared for by Miss Vira Holt.

Harold and Francis Chandler of Norway spent Christmas with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler.

Mrs. Susan Chapman has returned from Gorham, N. H., where she has been visiting relatives for the past few weeks.

Miss Vivian Dingley has closed her school at Gilead and is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. J. Snow of Hayden Row, Mass.

Miss Rita Twitchell of Oak Grove Seminary, returned Saturday from a week's visit with relatives and friends in Gorham, N. H.

Mr. Charles E. Arno of Gorham, N. H., is boarding at Mr. Wilson's and working for the Bethel Manufacturing Co.

Miss Ethel Farwell, who is attending Farmington Normal school is spending the Christmas vacation at her home in Bethel.

Harry Purington came from Brunswick Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Purington.

Miss Helen Bisbee, instructor of elocution at Parsonsfield Seminary, North Parsonsfield, is spending the Christmas vacation at her home.

Rev. C. N. Gleason was called to Brooklyn, N. Y., Saturday, to attend the funeral of his brother who died quite suddenly.

Mr. C. A. Lucas is showing signs of thrift and enterprise in added improvements and fixtures to his store among which is a new computing scale of the most modern type.

Mrs. Dayton Merrill came from Massachusetts Friday to join her husband who was called here by the death of his father and they will spend the winter with Mr. Merrill's mother, Mrs. Charles Merrill.

Miss Alice Mason, Luella Boothby and Mrs. Eli Barker and son, Philip, dined with Miss E. E. Barnham at Miss Fox's, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carter of Phillips, Me., and Miss Florence Carter of Malone, N. Y., are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Ella Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Fushard entertained Mrs. Fushard's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Dival of Mechanic Falls on Christmas day.

The News force was very pleasantly entertained by Miss Lala Arno last Thursday evening. The evening was spent at Fitch, refreshments being served. The party broke up at such a late hour that one of the members was obliged to inquire of some one if he or she wasn't on the wrong road for home. If that person should ever be found going up Railroad street, it is hoped that the finder may return the same to the News office and be suitably rewarded.

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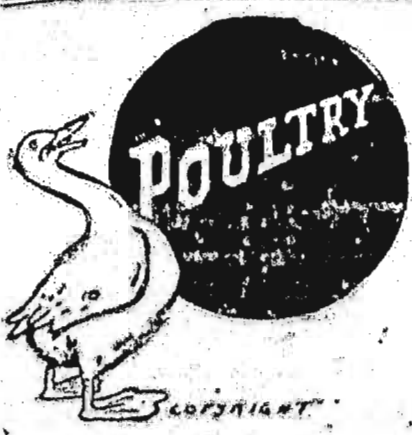
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WORLD PROBLEMS.

There are many problems dividing the world's open court of settlement. Some of them have been heard times without number, some are old issues under new names and guises. There are so many of them that one man, in a life time can become familiar with them all. Some questions that are centuries old appear as brand new problems to some persons. They present the most prominent ones being tried in the great world's assize. The seaplanation of the public schools of Great Britain—The monarchicalism of government in Russia—the separation of state and church in France, and the race problem in this country. None of these are new, save in their significance. These are issues that engage the attention of mankind in all parts of the world. We attempt a discussion of any of them in the space at our command is impossible; but we venture a few words upon our own country's problem, that will be in the nature of a suggestion or comment rather than an expression of opinion.

War is not now, never was, and never will be a civilized institution, notwithstanding, officially, some kinds of war are termed civilized. War is a disgrace to humanity. It should be avoided at all hazards.

In discussing any great question, where either the passions or ignorance of the people can be played upon, the man who handles the matters at issue in any but the soberest and most painstaking manner, constitutes himself a cultivator of the arms of war, and an enemy of civilization.

We will not say that the Civil War could have been averted, and the country have been better off in consequence. But we do emphatically say that the race problem in this country is no sorer settlement than it was before the emancipation proclamation; but in its final adjustment, another war can be and must be prevented. It will not be prevented, however, if men of Tillman's style of speech and the hot heads of the north whom he incites to passionate rejoinders, are left to argue the race question to a finish.

The problem is more serious than some suppose. There is no doubt but that Senator Tillman speaks with authority regarding the condition that exists; and perhaps he is serving a wise purpose in emphasizing those conditions; but he proposes no sensible way of adjustment. The man of the north, who has no intimate knowledge of the conditions of life in the south who proposes to settle the matter by forcing what is usually termed "equality" upon the south is even more harmful than is Tillman, for he does not serve, even temporarily, a wise purpose. The Tillmans and our hot heads should be given back seats, and witnesses called, who can explain to our people the exact situations. The politician and the romancer should not be called to give evidence.

When the men and women of the north understand the situation in all its bearings; and the men and women of the south understand that no purpose exists

in the north to act unjustly, there will be nothing to prevent the wisest and best men of the nation from conferring together and finding a suitable solution to the perplexing question. In the meanwhile we will all be safe to allow the south to handle the immediate situation in whatever way they deem wise.

SELECTING A HUSBAND.

Courtship, matrimony and the poor mother-in-law are very often subjects for the professional joke maker; and, as in many other jokes, pertinent truths are told. There are many persons so devoid of humor and perception that they see neither the point of the joke nor the artfully suggested truth.

Dorothy Dix has probably told more wholesome truths about these matters in comic writings than any other woman in the country, but she now and then treats of the subject seriously and perhaps to better effect. In a recent article in the Boston American she gives young women some very good advice regarding the kind of man it is safe to marry. We quote several paragraphs, and recommend them to the consideration of our young women readers.

"Generally speaking, it is safest to marry in your own class and pick out a life partner who has been brought up in the same way as you have, with the same manners, the same ways, the same religion and politics and style of cooking.

"Before marriage a man is all suavity and amiability, with a heartfelt desire to please, and it is not always easy to tell what sort of a husband a suitor is going to develop into. Nevertheless there are certain points that a young woman does well to bear in mind when she is trying to size up the qualifications a man has for the job to which he is aspiring.

"First, then, girls, bar out from the beginning the man who is a drunkard, or gambler, or a rake, unless you feel that you have a special call to be a martyr, and—reflect that the martyr business is a lot nicer in fiction than it is in reality.

"Don't marry a man who is rude or lacking in courtesy to old women. Take his attitude as a dead straight tip that it is the way he will treat you when your cheek has lost its bloom and your eye its brightness.

A little more home teaching along these lines and girls might become as expert in picking out desirable husbands, as they now are in selecting suitable dresses.

DISREGARD OF PUBLIC DUTY.

A few weeks ago we forecasted the event that has come to pass in the sheriff's appointment of deputies at Rumford Falls.

The petition of the people who elected Mr. Hubbard carried no more weight with it than the plea of the people for redress of wrongs made to King George III. in 1775. The trend of politics is back to the people, and it is up to the people to keep the trend that way.

The instance of appointing a deputy sheriff upon the say so of two or three men against a popular petition is not at all in accordance with modern ideas, nor is it compatible with the best sentiment of the Republican party in Maine.

The sheriff of Oxford county has not had his hand upon the public pulse and probably thought, as some others do, that the one man power was still in vogue in this section. He was in error, and he will be made aware of the fact before the next election.

We wish to say a word regarding Mr. Poor, the appointee. We believe him to be an efficient officer, and well fitted for the place, and our remarks only apply to the system of disregarding the voice of the people. Mr. Poor might have had public endorsement, but did not seek it.

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NOT PERSONAL.

The CITIZEN wishes to state that in commenting upon public measures, and in its reference to men who appear in connection therewith, there is no personal feeling exhibited; and in such matters no man's personal character is involved.

In relation to public matters we may be supporting a man's position today on one question, and opposing his position on some other question tomorrow. If men merge their individualities in public concerns and consider comments upon their actions in relation thereto, or attacks upon the system they support, as personal, we are sorry; but can offer no relief, except that such men become, themselves, able to differentiate between individualities and public measures or schemes, political or otherwise.

To avoid seeming extravagance of speech, we often qualify statements by the use of saving adverbs; but there is no occasion for qualifying the statement that our report of the street railway hearing, Dec. 19th, was the most talked of and best appreciated newspaper effort ever made in this country. Scores of persons came to the CITIZEN office and congratulated us upon the style and accuracy of the report. Including editorial observations in a news article is unusual, and not generally advisable; but in this instance it was unavoidable, and, as it seems, the popular method of conveying the news. The CITIZEN can be depended upon to tell things as they are, both in news and editorial departments; and the people realize the fact; and appreciate it.

Judge G. Willard Johnson had an able article in the Lewiston Journal last week in which the pros and cons of the resubmission issue were placed in contrast; and the deduction was that resubmission involves nothing more serious than making popular government operative. We are not in a position to discuss the question, and recommend him to that arch anti resubmissionist, the editor of the Bridgton News.

SHOULD OUR LEGISLATURE CONDEMN THE PROHIBITORY POLICY?

The Real Meaning of Resubmission.
(By C. E. Owen.)

It is possible that there are members of the next legislature, as well as thousands of citizens, who suppose that the proposition to "resubmit" the prohibitory amendment is a plain proposition to submit the original question to the people for approval or rejection; but a careful consideration of the facts will show that such is not the case.

Young men are frequently heard to say that they have never had an opportunity to vote on the prohibitory policy and would really like to vote upon it. They think of "resubmission" as a method of submitting again, since a generation has grown up, the same old proposition just as it was submitted twenty-two years ago. They see no

possible harm in such action. It appeals to them as perfectly fair and reasonable, and some are even threatening vengeance upon The Powers That Be for withholding from the people the right of voting upon the proposition.

It has probably never occurred to them that, under our present constitution, (Art. 10 Sec. 2, quoted at the close) the only method provided for the people to vote upon any article of the constitution or any amendment thereto is this:

First, two-thirds of both houses must deem it necessary to make some change in this fundamental law.

Second they must pass a "resolution" embodying that change.

Third, they must submit this proposed change to the people to be voted upon at the next annual election.

To have the people vote on the prohibitory amendment, therefore, requires that two-thirds of the house and senate express, by vote, the positive conviction, not that the people should have a chance to vote, but that the prohibitory policy, after a trial of more than fifty years has been found wanting and should be annulled and abandoned.

It requires the passing of a resolution proposing the abrogation of the prohibitory policy and involves an order for the people to "give in their votes" upon this proposition at the next annual election.

Resubmission therefore involves vastly more than a simple referendum. Thousands of our citizens now favor resubmission, thinking of it as a simple referendum, would be positively opposed to it if they clearly understood this point. Every pro-license advocate, on the other hand, every brewer, every distiller, and the whole vast army of saloonists in the whole land would be delighted beyond measure to have two thirds of the lawmaking body of the pioneer prohibition state propose that the policy of prohibition be annulled.

But are the friends of the law willing that their representatives whom they have sent to the legislature shall take such action, on the plea of simply giving the people a chance to vote? Every representative who casts his vote for resubmission, by that vote proposes the overthrow of the prohibitory policy. Suppose two thirds of our representatives and senators should vote thus, who can measure the disastrous influence of such action to the cause of temperance, not only in Maine but the world over.

Forgetful of her honored position among her sister states, and regardless of the interests of others who are struggling with the same great problem, would be the state of Maine if her legislature were to deal such a blow to the prohibitory policy. It would be especially disastrous and cruel just at the time when so many other states have state-wide prohibition almost within their grasp. The new state of Oklahoma is using Maine as her model in seeking constitutional prohibition. Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas, as well as Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Arkansas, and our neighbors Vermont and New Hampshire, are rapidly coming into the condition to adopt the state prohibitory policy. For two-thirds of the legislature of the pioneer prohibition state to pass a resolution to revoke this policy on the plea of giving the people a chance to vote, would be a stupendous blunder, the evil effects of which would be felt across the continent and around the world.

The organized liquor traffic could ask for no deadlier weapon with which to beat back the forces of righteousness than such action by the legislature of Maine.

its declaration of faith in that principle than in its last convention platform in which it said: "We believe in prohibition and demand the faithful and impartial enforcement of the prohibitory law, because the business interests of the state and the material and moral welfare of the people are thereby promoted." That party stood against the adoption of a resubmission plank in the same platform by a vote of 25 to 1 in a convention of 1301 delegates. That party welcomed to its ranks in the following election in September all friends of prohibition and all opponents of resubmission and won by their votes. Is it reasonable to expect that the Republican members of the legislature and the influential leaders of the Republican party, after taking this fair and square position for a definite policy will now turn upon themselves and against their friends to propose the opposite policy? Such a course should not be pursued by any party without its justly forfeiting all claim to trustworthiness and honor, and subjecting it to the triple charge of fickleness, cowardice and treachery.

CONSTITUTION OF MAINE.

Art. X, Sec. 2.

The legislature, whenever two-thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, may propose amendments to this Constitution; and when any amendment shall be so agreed upon, a resolution shall be passed and sent to the selectmen of the several towns, and the assessors of the several plantations, empowering them and directing them to notify the inhabitants of their respective towns and plantations, in the manner prescribed by law, at their next annual meeting in the month of September, to give in their votes on the question, whether such amendment shall be made; and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of such amendment, it shall become a part of this Constitution.

Lillian Russell Sandwich.
Miss Lillian Russell is the inventor of one of those between-meal delicacies, which, if the laudatory remarks of her friends are to be depended upon, is both unique and tasty. To make this delicacy—for "delicacy" is the term that is applied to it by all who have eaten it—one must take an equal amount of cold boiled chicken and cold boiled tongue, the meat of a dozen olives and six hard-boiled eggs. Mix all these ingredients together and chop them as fine as possible. When they have attained almost the consistency of a powder they must be worked into a paste by the addition of a mayonnaise dressing, after which the mixture is ready to be spread upon thinly sliced buttered bread.

For a Tough Steak.

To make a tough steak tender spread the steak with olive oil instead of beating it to bruise the fibers, which lets the juice run out into the fire. Let it remain an hour or so before cooking. Broil quickly so that each side will be thoroughly seared, then prop up your broiler so as to be a little farther from the fire, for the slower heating through. That cooks the inside juices without losing them. Melt a small piece of butter in two tablespoonfuls of vinegar and pour it over the steak while hot. This makes an appetizing gravy. Lemon juice can be used instead of vinegar, if preferred.

Rugs from Old Carpeting.

After a house cleaning the housewife is often confronted with a heap of old carpeting. Some may be fairly good, some much worn, some ragged, and some Brussels, and she is at her wits' ends to know what to do with it. It is a surprise to many to know that this mass of unsightly material can be made into really beautiful rugs. The weavers understand mixing them in such a way that the most unlikely combinations come out very well.

HARVESTING ONIONS.

Care Must Be Taken to Do It Just at the Right Time.

As onions approach maturity, the time of harvesting them should be carefully watched. When they are mature the stems will show it by drying up and dropping over, and the onions should be harvested at this time to avoid a second growth starting in. It has been found by those who grow them under irrigation that the crop could be very easily spoiled. This was done by there being a check in the growth of the onions just before maturity, and the irrigator thinking he would continue the development by an extra watering. The extra watering resulted in starting what is known as a second growth, a new shoot being sent up from the onions and many of the onions dividing into two parts. This induces them for selling in the markets, and also induces their keeping qualities, says the Farmers' Review. If the onions stop growing for any cause, either because they have not been supplied with adequate water or because the natural rain fall is not abundant, it is better to harvest them at once, even though they are somewhat immature. The best keeping varieties are frequently the small ones, and among the varieties the small ones keep better than the large ones. This is due to the fact that the loss in weight causes free evaporation and sprouting. Therefore they should be harvested as soon as possible after they have obtained their first growth and put in a cool place, that is, a place not dry enough and warm enough to cause evaporation of moisture to start growth.

Shading Summer Head Lettuce.

When the plants begin to make good growth, much the ground among them with strawy manure. Then place a frame over the bed to protect the plants from the hot sun. Make the frame of lath nailed to solid strips at each end, leaving an inch space between laths. Drive stakes at the corners of the bed and rest the frame on them, having it 15 to 18 inches above ground. This shades them considerably and with the help of the much a good crop of crisp solid heads can be produced.

Ripening Peach Wood.

Much can be done to make trees endure more cold and to ripen wood and fruit buds before cold weather. Cultivate early in the season to make best growth possible, then stop culture in early August. Last of August cut about one-third of this year's growth off to cause the ripening of wood and fruit buds. All fall limbs should be cut off, leaving trees six to nine feet high. Use long handled fruit shears and can trim from 60 to 150 trees a day.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

Addle Thoughts of an Addle Fellow Relative to Our Street Railway Laws.

From the following communication it will be seen that the CITIZEN'S view of the railroad hearing is not shared by, at least one man in this community. We give place to the communication both as a testimony to the respect we have for the writer of it, and in the interest of fair play. All sides shall be heard.

To the Editor of the CITIZEN:

We attended the public hearing last week, considerably gratified to find that the Selectmen, in their report to the location of the proposed Rumford and Bethel Street Railway. We were vastly impressed by two things; first, by the benevolence of the Street Railway Companies, second, by the paternal care so strongly manifested in the information there given concerning our street railway law.

Our views for instance as to the relative importance of the rights of towns and the public, and street railway companies, and the relative powers of selectmen, towns, street railways, and the railroad commissioners, have "shifted a sea change." We have always believed that towns had some rights relative to railway franchises in the public streets which the selectmen were bound to protect and which street railway companies occupying the same were bound to respect. We are glad to learn that thanks to the efforts of the honorable Mr. Heath who framed our street railway law and has had eighteen years experience in street railway hatching, no hampering restrictions are imposed, and none are desirable. For instance, the selectmen need not grant a hearing when a street railway comes in and proposes to take the streets. They need not limit the franchise to a term of years. They need not protect the towns from the cost of the extra burden imposed on the town's bridges. It is in fact, better to leave these matters to the railway itself.

Neither is the abutting owner of property in front of which or across which the railway passes, to be molested by the railroad. The railroad requires the sidewalk in front of its house, why of course it ought to

have it, and it is absurd for you as an individual to think you ought to have anything to say about it. Isn't the road a distinct benefit? It is the public that is to be moved, the people of your town,—you, in fact, and what a grand good thing it is to be able to step from your door-step to the car-step. You don't need any damages and therefore the law doesn't give you any. For this we have the valuable assurance of the Hon. H. M. Heath and he framed the laws and has had eighteen years experience in such matters.

Also while these delusions have been needlessly disturbing some minds, another misapprehension which many people have strangely labored under, as did the two foolish gentlemen who led the opposition to crossing the Bridge street bridge, was to the effect that street railway tracks more or less encumber the highway, tear up the streets, and drive all other traffic to the other part of the way. Strange that such misinformation should obtain in judgment in any reasoning man's mind. Everybody knows, (so says worthy engineer Jones and he knows, according to the Hon. H. M. Heath, who has had eighteen years experience in the street railway business, as Socrates with Mr. Jones,) that the highways are always better after the track is laid; the road is wider, smoother, and better drained, because the railways always do their work so well, and when ever they have to take any part of the wrought way, they always make a good deal wider road to replace it. Then, too, highway commissioners take more pride in having the other parts of the way as good as the railroad. The snow needn't bother, because the railway company makes a bargain with the town to remove it, shoves it out of its track with a modern plow, and then the town buys a big roller and rolls it down smooth and solid.

Now, regarding the powers of Selectmen. The selectmen have ample powers to protect the town.

1. In the first place, they have sole power to grant away the streets to the railway. And if they don't satisfy the corporation in this respect, the corporation may appeal to the Supreme Court. Whether the townspeople, abutting owners, or individuals damaged or affected, are satisfied or not, is no consequence and therefore they have no right of appeal. This is wholly just and proper for the selectmen represent the town so that there

is only one side left to appeal, and that is the railroad.

2. The selectmen are likewise vested with power to grant franchises surreptitiously, without a public hearing or public knowledge. This is wholly just and proper also, because the public are not supposed to know what is good for them, so well as the railway engineer who has had long experience in dealing with public street railway wants; and second because the people are generally so glad to have the railway come that they cheerfully and readily swallow the guff and promises of the corporation and its attorney, thus rendering a public hearing wholly unnecessary.

3. Another power vested in the selectmen is the important power of determining the "form and manner of laying the rails." Thus if the company wishes to lay wooden rails, the selectmen may decide whether they shall be round or square, or flat; and whether they shall be fastened with nails or glue. And if the company attempt to lay them wrong side up the selectmen may order them turned over. But this power is always to be exercised subject to the appeal of the corporation if the selectmen are unreasonable. This again is a one sided appeal, because, as the honorable Mr. Heath (and he framed the law, and has had eighteen years experience under it) says, selectmen represent the people and the people can't appeal from themselves. Anyway it is unreasonable to suppose that they would not immediately repudiate the action of their selectmen in putting unreasonable restrictions on the corporation.

4. Again, the selectmen may grant the franchise to the town's streets, perpetually, and once granted no existing power can change or limit it, without the company's consent. This too, is for the best, for several reasons. First, because the companies generally want their franchises to be perpetual (and in God's name what they want they ought to have.) Second, because the franchise isn't worth anything and might as well be given away for ever as for forty years. Third, because, again the road is for the public convenience, the public and the people don't want to take any chances of losing it. Fourth, this isn't New York or Chicago, and never will be, and a franchise a thousand years from now if the world lives then, will be just as much a public necessity as it is now. But the world isn't going to last much longer anyway, and we want to get the

earth parcelled out into vested rights before the end. In case it should last a little longer than we expect it to we might have to do it all over again if we limited franchises to forty or fifty years. So take it all around, it is best to give franchises regardless of consequences, especially if the consequences don't hurt the corporation.

One consideration we must not forget and that is that street railways are philanthropic institutions, organized and constructed to transport the public and are not to be regarded for an instant as anything else. To be sure, if you take a seat in one of their cars the gentleman in charge stretches his hand out to you in the same manner that a salvation army lassie passes her tamborine, or the monkey of the organ grinder, his hat, and you can contribute a nickel or a dime or a quarter, as the length of your ride prompts you. But if you choose not to contribute anything, you will not be asked to do so, for the gentlemanly conductor will merely call it "fare" to which you respond with a smile, "yes, a nice day," and promptly you alight from the car.

Take it all in all the honorable Herbert M. Heath has framed an admirable piece of legislation calculated to enable towns or cities quickly, silently and permanently to dispose of worthless franchises, in their highways, streets, and bridges, and acquire in return a tender, helpful and considerate control by public service corporations. The law is now well high perfect, but in the event of an unforeseen disaster which might leave the public bereft of the strong sustaining grip by which the street railway law protects the public and individual rights, then we still have, and shall (happily) for many years the acute and plausible honorable Herbert M. Heath, with his eighteen years of experience, to promptly captivate the people with his pleas of public beneficence.

ADDLE FELLOW.

Another Prominent Rumford Citizen Asks Some Pertinent Questions.

To the Editor of the Rumford Citizen: We have learned with a great deal of surprise, of the failure of James L. DeMerritt, to obtain an appointment as one of the deputy sheriffs of Rumford Falls. His failure to obtain the appointment, and the causes which brought it about, lead up to some very interesting questions, some of which I hope to discuss at this time.

Of course, everyone knows that James L. DeMerritt sent in a petition to the High Sheriff, for his appointment as a Deputy Sheriff of Rumford, signed by every merchant and business man on Congress street, with one single exception. His petition was signed by over two hundred and fifty of the best-known and ablest business men, merchants, doctors, ministers, mill men, railroad employees and working men, in Oxford county, and yet so little attention was paid to it, that Mr. Hubbard failed, even to acknowledge its receipt, until called upon to do so by Mr. DeMerritt. If Mr. Hubbard was approached on this subject by anyone, he simply shut up like a clam. If he was written to by anyone, the letters were ignored. Such is the sheriff we have to deal with. The other candidates for the position of Deputy Sheriff, up to the fifth of December, at least, had presented no petition for appointment, with the exception of Mr. Elliott, to whom there is no objection. Yet as early as the 18th of December, the appointments were made public and it was claimed that each successful candidate had a strong petition to back him. No one, to my knowledge, has ever seen a petition for Mr. Poor, although it is claimed he had a strong one, but we are inclined to think that this strong petition exists only in the fertile brains of those making this claim.

Who is the sheriff of Oxford county anyway? Consequently this brings us to another phase of the situation. Is Mr. Hubbard interested here in local affairs? If so, how, and to what extent? So far as we can find out, he is not interested in local affairs other than to serve his constituents, and supporters. Who is there in Rumford Falls who tries to dictate its local affairs? Who has influence with Hubbard? Who brought him out of his obscurity, in which he was rotting his life away? Who wound him up, and set him going? Who don't like James L. DeMerritt? Who is the sheriff of Oxford county? Who? The public knows who? Who is there in this town who tries to railroad things down our necks? Who would be the man who would be apt to disregard the application of two hundred and fifty of the most prominent merchants, business men, doctors, mill men, and working men in this town? And to force his man upon the public, regardless of everything but his own ends and to gratify his own pride? Who? The public knows who? Who has been trying to make us build sixty thousand dollar schoolhouses, and who has been getting the town into debt deeper and deeper? Who arranged it so that the Oxford Paper Company should be allowed to go scot free from nine-tenths of its taxes, while the taxes have been piled upon the working people of this town? Who? The public knows who? Who has always tried to "Boss" local affairs in Rumford? Who opposes everything but what he starts himself, or is interested in? Who opposed the new electric railroad in every way in his power? Who does not hesitate to use the "Big Stick" at every opportunity. Who? The public knows who?

COMMONER.

REFORM IN VERMONT.

The Vermont legislature, which has recently adjourned after a session of about seventy days in biennial session, seems to have done a good deal of important work. It will be remembered as there arose not long since, considerable scandal about the management of some of the public institutions, particularly the state prison. This has led to a re-organizing of the system by placing the government of the reformatory institutions in the hands of a single board instead of several boards as hitherto. The idea is apparently to concentrate responsibility, and it is the correct one. Where there is divided and scattered responsibilities abuses are prone to rise and it is impossible to fix the blame and punish the blameworthy. There was scandal also about some of the doings of the cattle commission. It was charged that diseased animals had been sold for consumption outside the state. The Legislature has reduced the board of cattle commissioners from three to one, and if that one does not behave it will be easy to call him to account. In the same connection a general purchasing agency for state institutions has been provided, and the effect of this should be to prevent waste and graft.

The Legislature has grappled with the tax problem, increased the taxes of corporations, and made laws to compel them to produce their books in court when wanted and to make weekly payments of wages, and it has reorganized the state railroad commission and enlarged its powers. It has reorganized the district school system by grouping the smaller towns to the end of getting better schools. It has reorganized the judiciary system by creating an independent court of appeals in place of a supreme court composed of superior or trial court judges. It has passed a law to encourage the building of better roads. It has passed a pure food law, and it has followed the example of Maine in substituting salaries for the fee

system in the payment of public officials.

This catalogue shows that it was a fruitful session. But there was one serious omission. The Legislature failed to do away with the great scandal and disgrace of hanging women in Vermont.—Portland Press.

REPTILE TO BE DREADED.

South American Snake Whose Bite Is Quickly Fatal.

It is more than 20 years since the deadly South American snake known as bushmaster, or which a specimen has just reached the Zoological gardens at London, was last exhibited by the society.

For obvious reasons it is difficult to obtain exact measurements of a live serpent, but the newcomer appears to be about nine feet long. It is evidently partial to moisture, for it has taken possession of a stoneware pan filled with damp moss, which had been placed in the cage for its benefit. The ground color of its skin is yellowish, and its markings are in the form of dark triangular patches.

The scheme of coloration is bold and renders the creature very conspicuous. This combination of black and yellow is usually present in poisonous reptiles and may thus be taken as a signal of danger. Not only does its large size render the serpent a dangerous reptile; its poison fangs are enormous and its bite is quickly fatal. Fortunately for its neighbors this deadly monster is nowhere common.

Where De Quincy Went to Church.

St. Peter's church, Manchester, England, which is shortly to be pulled down, is the church which De Quincy attended as a lad and to which there are some entertaining references in "The Confessions of an Opium Eater." The first rector was De Quincy's tutor, and he possessed apparently a stock of 330 sermons which the pupil confessed became to him "a real instrument of improvement." He only heard half of them, because he attended only the morning services; but he says "Those same 330—2 sermons (lasting only through 16 minutes each) for me became a perfect palaestra of intellectual gymnastics, far better suited to my childish weakness than could have been the sermons of Isaac Barrow or Jeremy Taylor." De Quincy gives his impressions of the opening of the church, which took place when he was in his tenth year. That is now 111 years ago.

First Use of Ice Cream.

Though the ancient Greeks and Romans used ice for table purposes to get through the hot months of summer, they knew nothing of "ices." These were introduced into France from Italy about 1660 and were known at first as "fromages glaces," iced cheeses, although they were made of strawberries and apricots, and contained not a drop of cream. From 1762 the use of "glaces" in the plural was sanctioned by the French academy, but not before 1825 did "ice cream" force its way into recognized acceptance. "Ices" are referred to from time to time in the eighteenth century in English people's letters from abroad. "Iced creams," however were known as early as 1689, and by the middle of the eighteenth century "ice cream" figured in cookery books.

Use for Disused Tunnels.

That disused railway tunnels need not be a drag in the market is evidenced by the extensive and highly successful culture of mushrooms carried on in one of those somber passages in the vicinity of Edinburgh.

Undergrowth Harbors Snakes.

The only method of reducing danger to life by snakes in India is, according to the Pioneer Mail, the removal of prickly pear and noxious undergrowth.

Wall Street's Oldest Building.

The oldest building in Wall street, New York, is the government assay office, immediately east of the sub-treasury, yet it is only 83 years old, having been erected in 1823.

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The Week's News as Gathered by our Special Correspondent.

The program for the last meeting of the Uppan Kunita Club held Wednesday evening at the home of Rev. J. G. Fisher was as follows:
Roll Call.—Current events.
Paper.—"History of Christmas."
Victor Binford
Mrs. Wynnan
Reading—"Bird's Christmas Carol."
Mrs. Leon Small
Quotations—"Christmas Selections."
Reading from "Marble Faun."
Mrs. Etta Richards
Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Spaulding
dined with Mrs. L. H. Reed of Mexico, Christmas day.
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Winslow entertained Mr. Winslow's father from Falmouth, Christmas week.
Virgil Whitman, who has been quite ill for two weeks, is feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Varney and children of Bemis, were guests of E. D. Varney and wife over Christmas.
Mrs. William Childs visited friends in Lewiston last week, returning home Saturday.

Mrs. Carrie Austin of Smithville was the guest of her sister, Mrs. George W. Leckey, last week.

Mrs. George Dowling has been quite sick for several days.
The Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church did not meet this week on account of the Christmas festivities. The next meeting will be held Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Keeman have gone to Wildwood, Me., for the remainder of the winter.

Miss Ethel Judkins of Carthage is spending a couple of weeks with Mrs. O. E. Whitney.

George Lang of Macey Junction and Arthur Lang of Andover, spent Christmas with their father, Andrew Lang of Whitman street.

Mrs. George Bonney was in Lewiston last week.

Miss Laura Klineard left last week for Clinton, Mass., where she will spend her Christmas vacation.
Joseph Forcier has moved his family from the Ellingwood house on Main street to a house on Mitchell street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Proctor and family spent Christmas with Mr. Proctor's parents in Lisbon.

Mrs. Ivous Sweet and Miss Alma Curtis were in Lewiston Saturday.

Weston Toothaker has had a steam heater installed in his residence on Oxford Avenue by Goodwin Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gammon entertained W. W. Gammon and wife of Dixfield, Christmas.

Rev. A. G. Warner went to Farmington Saturday to preach Sunday, and is spending the week there.

Dr. and Mrs. O. L. Hanlon entertained Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Woodward, Mrs. Louise Foster and E. E. Woodward at dinner Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Small gave a family dinner party at their home on Whitman street Christmas day.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Thayer and Miss Florence Thayer of Dixfield, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Small of West Peru, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Small and Mrs. Winnie Whitman of Mexico, Eldredh Rundlett of Peru and Charles Cummings of Dixfield. The little daughter of the house, Miss Clarice, had a Christmas tree, and judging from the number of pretty gifts she received, she must be a particular favorite with Santa Claus.

H. B. Whitman's two little girls, Florence and Addie, have been very sick with colds for a couple of weeks.

Rev. J. G. Fisher visited his father in Livermore from Monday till Wednesday of last week, and while there visited the Italian Mission.

Mrs. W. P. Gammon was in Lewiston and Mechanic Falls last week.

Mrs. Edith Mitchell is working at the Packard House.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Davis entertained William H. Davis and family at dinner Christmas, and had a family Christmas tree in the evening.

N. G. Foster went to his home in Weld Saturday to spend Christmas.

Edwin F. Fisher of Richards Mill has been sick for several weeks.

Miss Myrtle Plummer, who has been working for Mrs. O. E. Whitney for several months, returned to her home in Carthage, Sunday.

Joseph Parillo of Lisbon Falls visited friends in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martinson entertained Mrs. Martinson's parents from Berlin, N. H., Christmas week.

Miss Clarice Small treated several of her little friends and their mothers to a sleigh ride and a look at the pretty Christmas things in the shops in Rumford Falls last week.

Edgar Fisher came home from Bowdoin College Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation at home.

Rev. M. S. Howes was entertained by Deacon and Mrs. L. H. McCollister over Sunday, and returned to Mechanic Falls Monday to spend Christmas with

his family.
P. F. Balch has finished work for the W. I. White Building Co. this winter and has secured a position in the Chemical mill.

The next meeting of the Ladies' Circle of the Baptist church will be held with Mrs. Vaughn of Whitman street, Wednesday, Jan. 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Percy Gammon, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Whitney and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lang and daughter, Christina, had a family Christmas tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lang on Whitman street, Tuesday night.

George Cervie went last week to his home in Worcester, Mass., to spend Christmas.

Miss Barry spent Christmas with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ludden of Canton.

Miss Lena Felt of Rumford Falls was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Dickey of Howard street, Friday night.

George Bonney has had a telephone put into his residence on Granite street.

Randall L. Taylor, Jr., of Bowdoin College, is spending the Christmas vacation at home.

Mr. Wakefield has completed the construction of an addition to Claude Brown's house on Mexico Heights.

Rev. J. G. Fisher's text for his Christmas sermon Sunday morning was "Unto You is born this day a Savior which is Christ, The Lord," the main thought of the sermon being the spirit of Christ in the twentieth century.

Special Christmas music was sung by the quartette, assisted by Mrs. Fred Emery and Mrs. E. A. Parsons with Mrs. C. A. Clifford as organist. The lecture sermon in the evening was a continuation of the series of lectures which is being given; the subject being "The Spirit of Christ in Modern Institutions." The singing in the evening was led by cornet and violin, several selections were also rendered.

Leon M. Small, Lewis E. Small and Mrs. Winnie Whitman were called to West Peru Saturday afternoon by the sudden illness of their mother, Mrs. C. M. Small. Mrs. Whitman remained with her mother to care for her and at this writing she was feeling quite comfortable, and no long sickness was anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Vandenberg returned Wednesday from North Jay, where they spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus H. Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Nichols of Dixfield called on friends in town last week.

NORTH BETHEL.
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stearns are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, born the eighteenth. Mother and child are doing well.

J. F. Guphill was at home from Rumford over Sunday.

Mr. C. O. Moore is getting his ice. Mrs. Chapman called on Mrs. A. J. Stearns one day last week.

Mrs. Anna Stearns of North West Bethel spent the day at Mrs. Godwin's last week.

LARY BROOK.
Miss Nettie McLain visited her father, Mr. Neil McLain last Sunday.

Miss Vivian Dingley closed a very successful term of school last Friday. She had invited all that were interested in the school to be present Thursday, but owing to the weather only a few got out, and those few were well paid. The school sang four pieces which they did very well, then lessons were attended to, each one doing his or her best. The afternoon closed with singing. Every one seemed pleased with the way the children had improved and all hope to have Miss Dingley return in the spring, but if she does not they all unite in wishing her success where ever she may go.

Neil McLain and oldest daughter went to Gorham last Saturday.

Mrs. Hector McLain and baby visited at Neil McLain's recently.

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Bethel people are always pleased to note the accomplishments of a Bethel son. On Thursday evening, Dec. 13, the Rubinstein Club of New York, of which Mr. Chapman is the musical director, opened its twentieth season with a private concert at the Waldorf-Astoria and the next day the World came out with the following splendid notice of its success:

The Rubinstein club, William R. Chapman, conductor, and his beautiful orchestra, composed of the best players of the Philharmonic and the new Hammerstein Opera company together with Miss Rose Eaton as soprano soloist drew the most brilliant audience that has been heard within the walls of the grand ball room of the Waldorf-Astoria this season, and at no place can one see such a brilliant audience except at the Metropolitan Opera house. Mr. Chapman can justly feel proud of a wonderful record that he has achieved in our city, by maintaining these magnificent concerts for the past twenty years. This club has achieved a world-wide reputation and many of the most noted singers of New York have been enrolled as members during the past twenty years. Among the celebrated contraltos, Annie Louise Carey, also Madame Devere, Emily Wynnet, Alice Stoddard, Emily Lawlor, and Sarah B. Anderson, and many others of distinguished reputation. The work by the club composed of 100 selected voices as usual was most commendable and such refined singing and shading has seldom been heard in our city. Mr. Chapman is always looking for novelties and he certainly maintained his reputation by producing three on the program. The Sailor's Christmas by Chaminade, The Yodeler, by Wassili Leps, a Japanese work that was most original in form and splendidly given with the echo choruses, but the work par-excellence of the evening was the cantata "Night" by Saint-Saens, that had its first hearing in New York with chorus, soprano solo, flute obligato and orchestra. Saint-Saens, the great master himself expressed regret to Mr. Chapman not being able to be present to hear his work given for the first time in this country, owing to a professional engagement in Cincinnati. This work made the greatest possible impression on musicians and audience and was received with great enthusiasm, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Chapman will repeat it in the early future. Miss Rose Eaton made her debut, and a most successful one. She is a protegee of Madame Sembrich who predicts a most brilliant future for her. She has a beautiful soprano voice and her upper voice is especially brilliant and pleasing. Her trills and runs were most delightfully given. Her selection was the famous waltz by Johann Strauss, that Madame Sembrich has made so famous in New York and the soprano obligato in "Night" by Saint-Saens. She was given an ovation, and was recalled three times. The work of the orchestra came in for a good part of the lion share of praises for the evening. Mr. Chapman seemed to have breathed his musical spirit into every player and seldom has such refined and responsive playing been heard in our city with the exception of the Boston Symphony orchestra. He was given a veritable ovation after the "Capriccio Italian" by Tschickowsky which he conducted in a truly masterly manner, and was recalled many times. The Listz and Saint-Saens numbers together with the Thome and Elgar selections, made a most delightful program. Mr. Chapman has made a distinct hit in organizing this magnificent orchestra, which is composed of the most proficient players in New York and we are glad we are to hear it again soon.

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In a few minutes the farmer came down, and made short work of loading piggy into the sheep cart. The other man, with many thanks, resumed his journey, and the farmer went back to bed.

The next morning the farmer rose early and began doing his chores. By and by it came piggy's turn to be fed, but piggy was gone. A large gap in the fence explained his absence.

Then it dawned upon the farmer that he had got up in the night and helped steal his own hog.

Idea of the Creation of Man.
Indian mythology is quite as beautiful as Biblical lore. Bury your prejudices and read what the aborigines of America say of the creation. The angels Gabriel, Michael and Israfil were sent by God one after the other to bring, for the purpose of creating Adam, seven handfuls of earth from different depths and of different colors (which may account for the various complexions of mankind); but the World, being apprehensive of the consequences and desiring them to represent for her to God that the creature he designed to form would rebel against Him and draw down His curse upon her, they returned without obeying God's command. Whereupon God sent Azarrah on the same errand, who executed his commission without remorse; for which reason God appointed that angel to separate the souls from the bodies, being therefore called the Angel of Death.—N. Y. Press.

Night Working Hens.
"I have the smartest flock of hens in Kansas City," said a man who lives on East Fifteenth street the other day.

"Lay jolled eggs, I suppose," ventured his friend.

"No, sir, they don't. But they have learned the best time to work and ought to have credit for it."

"Learn it from you?"

"Well, maybe they did—you see, he continued, "I work nights, and when I come home on the two o'clock owl car this morning I was surprised to see my flock of hens darting about under the are light in front of the house, catching bugs that were attracted by the light. They may have been waiting for me, for soon after I entered the house they returned orderly to their roosts. Today they were sleepy and didn't leave the henhouse until afternoon."

Had to Be.
"This will have to be a time exposure," said the photographer.

"No, my friend, that's not the case. We don't get no money," said the husband of the alter.—Houston Post.

Their Use.
Low Financier—Take care of the pennies.

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Accident.
Knicker—So their auto caused a runaway?

Bocker—Yes, their daughter eloped with the chauffeur.—N. Y. Sun.

JUST FOR LUCK.

Although his daughter was to wed he disapproved the match. Insisting that the John's was decidedly no catch. Each argument his daughter raised. "With irony he met it. "Don't ask for my approval, dear." He said, "for you won't get it." "You'll wish us joy?" "I won't," he said. And to his word he stuck. "But, pa, just say you'll throw an old boot after us for luck!" "I don't mind that, for long ago I really should have tried it. I'll throw a big boot after him, and keep my foot inside it."

Breaking the Compact.
Milkins (to employer)—No, sir, I don't think there's anything unreasonable in my asking for an increase of my salary. You may remember you promised me a rise when I had been with you a year.

Employer—I know I did, but, hang it all, didn't I make it conditional upon your giving me every satisfaction?

Milkins—And in what way, sir, haven't I given you satisfaction?

Employer (furiously)—Satisfaction, indeed! D'you call bothering me for more wages giving me every satisfaction, eh?

Brilliant Idea.
Hyker—Tapelegh, the dry goods man, has a scheme that keeps his store filled with customers.

Hyker—Advertising schemes, eh?

Hyker—No, not exactly. He keeps a parrot just inside the door that claims, "Oh, what a pretty young lady!" every time a woman comes along—and, of course, the woman can't resist the temptation to go in and buy something.—Chicago Daily News.

Looking Forward.
The young man had just screwed up his courage to the point of asking the old man for the hand of his daughter in marriage.

"Have you given any thought to the future?" asked the old man.

"Oh, yes," answered the young man. "I joined the church last winter."—Chicago Daily News.

Knowledge.
Church—Did you ever learn anything of value by going to a clairvoyant?

Goatham—Yes, I learned that a fool and his money are soon parted.—Yonkers Statesman.

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THE MAN ON THE BOX

By HAROLD MacGRATH.

It was half after four when James having taken a final look at his hands and nails, proceeded to follow William's instructions. He found no one about. Outside the kitchen the lower part of the house was deserted. To reach the library he had to pass through the music-room.

The first thing that caught his attention was a movable drawing-board, on which lay an uncompleted drawing. At one side a glass jar in which were thrust numerous pens and brushes. Near this lay a small ball of crumpled cambric, such as women insist upon carrying in their street-car purses, a delicate, dainty, useless thing. So she drew pictures, too, he thought. Was there anything this beautiful creature could not do? Everything seemed to suggest her presence. An indefinable feminine perfume still lingered on the air, speaking eloquently of her.

Christy compelled him to step forward and examine her work. He approached with all the stealth of a gentlemanly burglar. He expected to see some trees and hills and maybe a brook, or some cows standing in a stream, or some children picking daisies. He had a sister and was reasonably familiar with the kind of subjects chosen by the lady-amateur.

A fortification plan! He bent close to it. Here was the sea, here was the land, here the number of soldiers, cannon, rounds of ammunition, resources in the matter of procuring aid, the telegraph, the railways, everything was here on this pale, waxen cloth, everything but a name. He stared at it, bewildered. He couldn't understand what a plan of this sort was doing outside the war department. Instantly he became a soldier; he forgot that he was masquerading as a groom; he forgot everything but this mute thing staring up into his face. Underneath, on a little shelf, he saw a stack of worn envelopes. He looked at them. Rough drafts of plans. Governor's Island! Fortress Monroe! What did it mean? What could it mean? He searched and found plans, plans, plans of harbors, plans of coast defenses, plans of ships building, plans of full naval and military strength; everything, everything! He straightened. How his breath pained him! . . . And all this was the handiwork of the woman he loved! Good God, what was going on in this house? What right had such things as these to be in a private home? For what purpose had they been drawn? So accurately reproduced? For what purpose?

Oh, whatever the purpose was, she was innocent; upon this conviction he would willingly stake his soul. Innocent, innocent! Clicked the clock over the mantel. Yes, she was innocent. Else how could she laugh in that light-hearted fashion? How could her eyes shine so bright and merry? . . . Karlott, Annesley! Karlott the Russian, Annesley the American; the one a secret agent of his country, the other a former trusted official! No, no! He could not entertain so base a thought against the father of the girl he loved. Had he not admired his clean record, his personal bravery, his fearless honesty? And yet, that absent-mindedness, this care-worn countenance, these must mean something. The purpose, to find out the purpose of these plans!

He took the handkerchief and hid it in his breast, and quietly stole away. . . . A handkerchief, a rose, and a kiss; yes, that was all that would ever be his. Pirate nearly coughed his head off that night; but, it being William's night off, nobody paid any particular attention to that justly indignant animal.

CHAPTER XXI.

THE ROSE.

On Wednesday morning, clear and cold; not a cloud floated across the sky, nor did there rise above the horizon one of those clouds (portentous forerunners of evil) to which novelists refer as being "no larger than a man's hand." Heaven knew right well that the blight of evil was approaching fast enough, but there was no visible indication on her face that glorious November morning. Doubtless you are familiar with history and have read all about what great personages did just before calmly swooped down on them. The Trojans laughed at the wooden horse; I don't know how many

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In the mere matter of hoes there have been improvements. As a rule, the blade of the modern hoe is made thinner and lighter than formerly. In fact, one of the most conspicuous differences between those regions which still practice a semi-civilized kind of agriculture and those in which the most advanced ideas are held, is this difference in the weight of hoes. Wherever one finds the big, clumsy, eight-pound hoe in use, he may decide at once that all forms of agriculture are still laboring in the depths of ignorance and superstition. For garden work, a light hoe is especially desirable. Those forms with narrow blades are usually better than those with wide blades. In a few places one is able to buy hoes from which the upper corners of the blades have been cut away, leaving a sharp angle at the outer end of the blade. This is a great convenience in hoeing small crops, such as lettuce, beets, carrots, etc.

The sharp point at the corner of the hoe is particularly convenient for getting in close about the small plants and removing weeds from the rows where the plants stand thickly together.

There are still some gardeners, and many general farmers, who do not know what a scuffle hoe is, says the Country Gentleman. It is barely possible that there are some farms on which the scuffle hoe will be a superfluous tool, but it is hard to imagine what the circumstances of those farms would be. A scuffle hoe will work on very stony or very trashy ground, but everywhere else it will do good service. For the best work the soil must be smooth, level, free from stones and grass, and in first-class condition. This is the proper, and one might say the ordinary, condition of garden land. Wherever such crops as beets, mangels, parsnips, carrots, onions and the like, are grown in narrow rows, the scuffle hoe is a great labor-saver.

There are several different types of the scuffle hoe, but as a rule the simple ones are better. A very popular sort has a top or gauge running ahead of the knife-blade. By this contrivance one is able to gauge more accurately the depth to which the blade cuts. The same contrivance helps also in steering the hoe and in giving it a steady motion. Considerable practice is required to do the best kind of work with this implement, but it is



Using the Wheeled Hoe.

practice which every farm hand and farmer's boy ought to have. Milking is an art which every farm boy expects to learn by long practice. Scuffling is another art worthy of just as much attention.

The line of distinction between scuffle hoes and wheel hoes is rather hard to draw. A wheel hoe is simply a scuffle hoe with a wheel on, which of course is a simple definition. The various kinds of wheel hoes that have been used in this country, however, have been considerably improved in recent years. As a rule, it is best to select those machines having wheels of the largest diameter. The one which the writer finds altogether best has a wheel 30 inches in diameter, the ordinary size being 16 or 18 inches. The large wheel runs more steadily and has a lighter draft. In some circumstances the double-wheel hoe is still employed for working on two sides of the row of plants at once. In very clean ground with straight rows of small plants this tool can be used to considerable advantage; but as a rule, the single-wheel hoes are easier to operate and do better work.

In using all these tools it must be remembered that their purpose is chiefly to keep the top soil stirred. If they are used with sufficient frequency—that is to say, at least once a week, they will prevent weeds from becoming established. As a rule these tools, with the exception of an ordinary hoe, are not very satisfactory in dealing with large weeds after they become established. The principle on which their successful use depends is early, frequent and thorough work.

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